

GOSSIP ABOUT THE BOXERS.

IT WAS A GREAT SEND-OFF THAT WAS GIVEN TO JOHN L. SULLIVAN.

**Champions who Went Over Before Him—
Chances of an Imported Boxer in an Eng-
lish Ring—McAuliffe Said to be All Right.
The royal send-off that was given John L.**

William on his departure for England was in strong contrast to those given other American champions who went before him in quest of fortune. He was a quiet, unassuming man, a Quaker, the American giant, John C. Hennessy, once described him as "a little fellow, their way back in the forties by Den Can't, then the English champion, Charley had no great fame reputation here, and his departure created very little excitement. The next to cross the herring pond to board the British pugilist lion in his den was John C. Hennessy, the Beneola Boy. "He was to have sailed in the Cunarder Asia from Jersey City on Jan. 4, 1860," said an older time other giant, "but he was delayed for a day or two. He was seen such a fall of snow came down that day that he could not go out, and he was delayed for a day or two. The pilot would not take the ship out until it cleared off, and her sailing had to be delayed until the next day. Meanwhile detectives were

Butting Heenan had named Alfie a fox. He had been actively concerned in the fight between the Price and Australian titles, and he now was "wanted," therefore, in Buffalo. Cusick had the task of his life eluding the slouthounds of the law. He and Heenan crossed on the ferries from Jersey to New York a dozen times, dodging the officers, and finally they took a run over nearly to Philadelphia on the cars. Jim succeeded at last in concealing Heenan in the hold of the ship, where he remained until she was well down the bay. No handshakings for the Benecio Boy, no floral offerings, no cheers, no tears, and no salves of artillery, and yet for all that he laid the champion of England low, though he was robbed of his victory and the best man did not win."

The next American champion to tempt Eng-

his port in the Inman line steamer City of Washington on May 4, 1864. Fifteen or twenty good men and true said good-by to him and wished him better luck than Heenan had. He had it. He was accompanied by Jim Cusick, and when the match was made Jim demanded that it take place in Ireland. He would not accept Dowling, who was judge of the Heenan-Sayers fight for referee, and another scribe named Jack Smith was named instead. Maco did not go to the fighting ground, and eventu-

2100 I think that was the sum for his expenses. How Kira'win went away is too fresh in the mind of the people here to be forgotten.

I went over to Boston to see the big fellow sail away, and I know that his best and staunchest friends took upon his European tour a very apologetic attitude. Sully, I think, probably outlasts any pugilist in the ring, there is no denying the fact that he is not the least of the world's champions. He was on board the Cephelonia, its sailors swarmed about him and canned his appearance in the most effective manner. It is a curious fact that Sully had been up all night bidding his friends farewell, and was only a week or ten days over one of the most prolonged appearances in the world. He was, however, noted his somewhat faded appearance with evident grief, and I overheard one of them say

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that I think him the better man, but because I think Kilrain will either be got at in some way and fixed before the battle, or it will be stopped if he shows that he is Smith's superior. I had a talk in Boston with an old-time pugilist, who is perfectly familiar with the manner fights are managed on the other side, and he said: "When they won't give one another fair play what chance can a foreigner expect? There is no doubt in the world that Jim Smith had Alf Greenfield so nearly knocked out that he could not have answered another

fight was made a draw. These same Brums were behind Smith when he was to fight Knifton, and though the article of agreement specified that only ten men were to be present on a side, over 500 were present, and the Channel on both sides with the agitators. Had Knifton gone into a ring with Smith he would have had no chance of winning were he ever so capable, which he is really not. The same Birmingham delegation is not behind Smith in his match with Knifton, and the same justification is not given. Knifton's friends, and more so, and just as much heart to spend it. The English people have very little faith in anybody from any other country being able to lick an Englishman, and

If you go there and make your home among them it makes all the difference in the world. If Kilrain had lived in Birmingham for a while, and was backed from there against a Lon-

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one of the wealthiest and most reputable families in Canada. He held some \$500,000 worth of stock, and as he has recently come into another legacy all-most equally large. He is well healed, it was said, from his former ailment, and is also interested in one or two Boston jobbing houses. He is rather a good-looking young man, stout in figure, with coal-black hair, dressed elegantly, but somewhat ostentatiously, and is of excellent address. He has travelled some in Europe, and has been behind the scenes in Glimour in one or two of his native ventures.

Nobby Clark expressed himself very freely about the "little fellow," saying that if McLaughlin were really as sick as he was reported to be, there would be nothing to fight Carey. Tom, however, had a booming chin to fight Carey, whom he considered the best fighter in the world, and the most merciless. He wouldn't go into a ring with anybody unless he was fit, and he was fit now, and he would give Carey a thrashing as long as a man isn't out, or doesn't cry enough, or he will give him the hottest he has in the shop,

his blows. If McLaughlin didn't come to the aid of his friend, he'd feel like him, such a coward. He said he never got before, and what a fool a man is to take that when he knows that he isn't well fit to do him. He said that he was a McLaughlin hater, that he is all right now and feeling as strong as a strong as he ever did, and as strong as he ever did, and as strong as he ever did, and as strong as he ever did. You bet (army will know that) he has had a fight when he's done with him. Stick a pin in that and put a needle and see if it doesn't come out right.

If Reddy Gallagher meets George Le Blanche in Boston before the Crisp Club, as is probable, he'll be a little bit of a trouble maker. He might see in New England for many a long day. They are about equal in skill and strength, but McLaughlin is a little enough to do for two ordinary scrappers.

Here and There.

His Hughes and his sons of Elmer, N. J., killed 27 black birds in a single day.

A hunting party of Arizunians in Idaho shot 23 black birds in a single day.

A peach tree at Bonanza, Cal., has presented its owners with large fruit for the first year, and this season surprised them with 250 pounds of peaches. Each peach measured over eight inches in circumference.